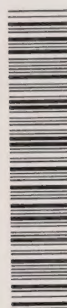
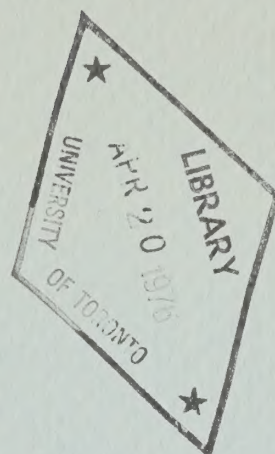


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The Honourable Pauline M. McGibbon,
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Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario

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The First Session of the
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October 28, 1975



MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE OPENING
OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT
OF ONTARIO, AND ESPECIALLY SO TO THOSE HONOURABLE
MEMBERS WHOSE FIRST TERM OF OFFICE IS NOW BEGINNING.

IN THIS BRIEF SESSION, MY GOVERNMENT
WILL DEAL PRIMARILY WITH THE FOLLOWING CRITICAL
ISSUES: INFLATION, RENTS, MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES
AND TENANT SECURITY.

OUR PROVINCE FACES TIMES WHICH WILL REQUIRE
A DEMONSTRATION OF CO-OPERATION IN PLACING THE
COMMON GOOD ABOVE OTHER INTERESTS. THE GOVERNMENT,
IN ITS CONCERN OVER THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE
PROVINCE AND THE PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND
UNEMPLOYMENT, SUPPORTS THE DECISION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO LAUNCH A NATION-WIDE ATTACK
ON THESE PROBLEMS.

NOTRE PROVINCE SE TROUVE À UNE ÉPOQUE
OÙ LA COOPÉRATION SERA INDISPENSABLE ET OÙ IL
FAUDRA PLACER LE BIEN COMMUN AVANT TOUT AUTRE
INTÉRÊT. SE PRÉOCCUPANT DU BIEN-ÊTRE ÉCONOMIQUE
DE LA PROVINCE, AINSI QUE DES PROBLÈMES DE
L'INFLATION ET DU CHÔMAGE, L'ONTARIO APPUIE LA
DÉCISION DU GOUVERNEMENT DU CANADA, QUI VIENT
DE PRENDRE DES MESURES À L'ÉCHELLE NATIONALE
POUR LUTTER CONTRE L'INFLATION.



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THE GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE OF ONTARIO TO BE RESOLUTE IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION AND TO MAKE THE PROGRAM WORK.

ONTARIO FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE, THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE APPLIED AS UNIFORMLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT CANADA. THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE DECIDED THAT THE NATIONAL PROGRAM SHOULD APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN ONTARIO IN THE SAME WAY AS WITH OTHER SECTORS IN THE ECONOMY.

ONTARIO HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO OTTAWA TO IMPROVE THE ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM. THESE INCLUDE THE NEED FOR A FIRMER APPROACH TO PRICE CONTROLS, TIGHTER EXPENDITURE RESTRAINTS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN OPERATIONS, AND A RE-EVALUATION OF THE \$600 LIMIT ON PAY INCREASES AT THE LOWER END OF THE SCALE.

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT HAS LED THE WAY DURING THE PAST YEAR IN RESTRAINING ITS OWN EXPENDITURES AND REDUCING THE GROWTH OF ITS CIVIL SERVICE. THESE MEASURES WILL BE CONTINUED IN REINFORCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM.




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ONTARIO'S ECONOMY IS MAKING A GOOD RECOVERY AFTER THE SETBACK EXPERIENCED IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS YEAR. UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH ROSE TO 7.3% IN CANADA THIS SUMMER, REACHED A HIGH IN ONTARIO OF 6.4% IN JUNE AND HAS SINCE FALLEN TO 5.8%. SO FAR THIS YEAR, 102,000 NEW JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THIS PROVINCE.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROCEED WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS ACT AND THE MUNICIPAL ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL PARKS PROGRAM WHICH WILL OFFER FINANCIAL AID TO MUNICIPALITIES TO ACQUIRE AND SERVICE FACILITIES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE PROVINCE RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN A WEAKER ECONOMIC POSITION IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WILL INTRODUCE A NEW RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM RETROACTIVE TO APRIL 1ST, 1975.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE A PROGRAM RETROACTIVE TO JULY 30, 1975, TO PROTECT TENANTS AGAINST UNJUSTIFIED RENT INCREASES. IN ADDITION, NEW LEGISLATION WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO PROVIDE SECURITY OF TENURE FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS.



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SEVERAL APPEALS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INSULATE RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE RATES FROM THE DIRECT INFLUENCE OF MONETARY POLICY DECISIONS AND SO RELIEVE THE BURDEN OF INCREASED MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES ON OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCES. IN THE ABSENCE OF FEDERAL ACTION, ONTARIO IS PREPARED TO PROCEED ON ITS OWN.

LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED TO TREAT THE ASSESSMENT OF CONDOMINIUMS IN THE SAME WAY AS SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE LEGISLATION TO REGULATE RETAIL SALES ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAYS, AS WELL AS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION SEEKS TO REAFFIRM SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AS DAYS OF RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, TO PROTECT WORKERS, AND IN THE INTERESTS OF PRESERVING AND ENHANCING FAMILY LIFE.



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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT THE ACQUISITION OF ALL FIREARMS MUST BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED AS A MEANS OF COMBATTING INCREASING AND TRAGIC INCIDENCES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS URGED REPEATEDLY THAT THIS CAN BEST BE DEALT WITH THROUGH AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOW APPEARS TO AGREE WITH THIS POSITION AND HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE TAKING EARLY ACTION ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL ALONG THE LINES WHICH ONTARIO HAS PROPOSED. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS ANY UNDUE DELAY IN THIS MATTER, THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO COVER THIS PROVINCE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A NATIONAL PROGRAM IS IN PLACE.

IT IS MY GOVERNMENT'S AIM TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF ONTARIO WITH ASSURED ENERGY SUPPLIES AT COMPETITIVE PRICES AND WITH MINIMUM HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

BECAUSE OF THE VERY HIGH CAPITAL COSTS OF DEVELOPING NEW ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITIES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DIRECTED ONTARIO HYDRO TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED INTERPROVINCIAL EXCHANGES OF ELECTRICITY BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSMISSION GRIDS, WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO ONTARIO AT THE LOWEST COST CONSISTENT WITH ADEQUATE SYSTEMS SECURITY.



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YOU WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE LEGISLATION
FOR ORDERLY ALLOCATION OF NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES,
IN THE EVENT OF POSSIBLE SHORTAGES BEFORE ADDITIONAL
SUPPLIES BECOME AVAILABLE.

ABOVE ALL, MY GOVERNMENT URGES THE
PEOPLE OF ONTARIO, WHETHER AS INDIVIDUALS OR AS
CORPORATE CONSUMERS, TO CO-OPERATE IN SAVING
ENERGY TO HELP REDUCE OVERALL CONSUMPTION AND
WASTE OF RESOURCES.

THE MEASURES OUTLINED IN THIS ADDRESS
AND OTHERS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE COURSE OF
THIS SESSION FACE UP TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
PROBLEMS OF ONTARIO, AND OFFER A CHALLENGE TO
THIS LEGISLATURE TO WORK RESPONSIBLY IN THE INTERESTS
OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR PROVINCE.



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MY GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT AGREEMENT ON THE SERIOUS NATURE OF PRESENT PROBLEMS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A CONSENSUS ON APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT OF THE CAPACITY OF THIS ASSEMBLY TO DO THE JOB AT HAND, AND TO DO IT EFFECTIVELY.

IN OUR SOVEREIGN'S NAME, I THANK YOU.

GOD BLESS THE QUEEN AND CANADA.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
QUEEN'S PARK,
TORONTO, ONTARIO,
OCTOBER 28, 1975.

